

## NH Prescription Drug Affordability Board

### In-person / Remote Hybrid Meeting

June 25, 2021, 10:00 AM

**NOTE:** This meeting was recorded and a recording of the entire meeting is available at:

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/medicaid/nhpdab/previous-meetings.htm>

**CALL TO ORDER:** Representative Gary Merchant, Chair, opened the meeting.

**ATTENDING:** Representative Gary Merchant, Staci Hermann, Senator Tom Sherman, Representative William Marsh. Via Zoom Representative James Murphy, Todd Fahey,

A quorum was established.

**ABSENT:** Senator Cindy Rosenwald, Senator Sharon Carson.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Representative Gary Merchant introduced everyone and appointed alternates Staci Hermann and Representative Marsh as voting members for this meeting.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** Representative Gary Merchant reviewed the agenda with the Board.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MAY MINUTES:** Motion to accept minutes of the May meeting made by Representative Murphy; Representative Merchant seconded. Motion passed with Representative James Murphy, Representative William Marsh, Staci Hermann, Todd Fahey, Senator Tom Sherman, and Representative Gary Merchant all in favor via a ro

**CLASSIFIED vs. UNCLASSIFIED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:** The Department of Administrative Services Commissioner, Charlie Arlinghaus spoke to the Board about the technical differences between a classified and unclassified position. He illustrated that a classified position is hourly, restricted to a certain pay scale, and carries more job security. An unclassified position is salaried, and tends to have more room for job duty customization. Commissioner Arlinghaus recommends unclassified for the Executive Director position. All came to the agreement that it can be classified to get a candidate in the door, but they should be let known about the impending change to unclassified. The timecard and recruitment processes were also discussed.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCUSSION:** Rob Berry shared that, according to Ned Gordon, changing the law at this point is not urgent and can be addressed at the time of making the position unclassified. Rob stated he will need to rework the contractor fees. Senator Sherman asked if they would decide on the Supplemental Job Description (SJD) today. Rob reviewed the process of finalizing the SJD. Senator Sherman moved to authorize the Chair to approve and post the SJD once it is ready; Representative William Marsh seconded. Following a brief discussion on education and experience requirements, motion approved via roll call.

**RULES UPDATE DISCUSSION:** Rob Berry reviewed his modifications to the Rule Language Draft, mostly in line with Join Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) guidelines. There was discussion around the rule's language regarding confidential vs. non-confidential information being shared with the Advisory Council. The Board decided more discussion is warranted at the next meeting but leaned towards non-confidential. Rob stated there is a lot more to develop. There was discussion on the nature and

definition of the Board, itself. Rob continued to outline proposed language regarding the public and materials submission; the Board, again, leans towards non-confidential. Rob stated there will be a more robust draft at the next meeting.

**STATE RESOURCES ON DATA AND REPORTS PRESENTATION:** Andrew Chalsma, of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), presented a 2-page PowerPoint, entitled Introduction to the NH Comprehensive Healthcare Information System. He spoke about the history of the system, having been in place since 2005. Spoke about the types of data that come into the system. All details, in regard to a claim, are sent to the system, except for personal information, like name, address, etc., in accordance with HIPPA laws. It's a shared project between DHHS and the Insurance Department. Outlined the specific data that is collected. Rebate information is not collected, and Andrew recommended discussing that at a later date. Andrew clarified the data collected is, essentially, between the insurance company and the provider. Coupon use, like those between the patient and the pharmacy, is not captured. Staci Hermann asked what amount was captured at the pharmacy; Andrew stated it's the dollar amount paid to the pharmacy at each transaction. Staci also asked if location data was collected, to which Andrew answered that, it is to a degree. Andrew discussed how you can view the separation of data in the system, for example between managed care and fee for service (FFS). Todd Fahey asked for clarification in the data gaps. Andrew stated he will work with Tyler to analyze how he could get the information more comprehensive. Andrew continued to illustrate the different types of data that is collected and analyzed, and what data analysis opportunities exist. Andrew talked about access to the data set being made available to the Board, with a simple data sharing agreement, and made suggestion as to how the Board could move forward, utilizing certain resources that DHHS currently utilizes. Tyler Brannen spoke about the fact that it is a law in NH for this data to be submitted, whereas other states rely on voluntary submission. Tyler displayed the Insurance Department's website, and how the collected data is submitted and reported.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00, then October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn made by Representative Gary Merchant; motion seconded by Staci Hermann. Motion passed with Representative James Murphy, Representative William Marsh, Staci Hermann, Todd Fahey, Senator Tom Sherman, and Representative Gary Merchant all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Todd C. Fahey, Clerk

Nancy T. Plourde, Recording Secretary